

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
P.O. BOX 308  
SOMERS, CT 06071**

**WPCA MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 8, 2011  
TOWN HALL – 7:30 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:42 pm. Members present included: Charles Colby, Daniel Fraro, Steve Getman, and George VanTasel. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian, and Mike Mocko, Ward Engineering.

**II. MINUTES:**

None

**III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION PROJECT:**

Mr. Jacobs informed members that 23 residents had signed Agreements, and that he had sent certified letters to the 3 residents who had not signed up for water, with an extension through March 1, 2011. He added he will be sending a notice to Folsom Construction for them to do the connections, which will take place in the Spring and likely into the Summer. Mr. Jacobs said the main is active, and the hydrants are workable.

Mr. Mocko submitted his invoice to the WPCA. Mr. Jacobs stated that most of Mr. Mocko's work is complete. Mr. Mocko offered to help with the service connections if the WPCA wanted or needed him to.

**IV. SOMERSVILLE WPCF - Generator**

Mr. Jacobs stated that a new generator order has been placed with Huntington Power. He added that they are now leasing the current generator from Huntington; the Town had received a cost reduction on the rental as part of Huntington's bid. Mr. Jacobs said they have an anticipated delivery date of March 1, 2011.

Mr. Fraro asked what the Town would be doing with the old generator. Mr. Jacobs answered that he had spoken with Public Works, who is not interested in it. He recommended they put out an ad, accepting quotes for it. Mr. Jacobs is aware of one party who has an interest in purchasing it. Mr. Getman suggested using Craig's List. Mr. Jacobs said he'd planned on informing the Board of Selectmen that they would be advertising the old generator for sale in the Journal Inquirer and would also look into Craig's List.

**V. BUDGET:**

Mr. Jacobs distributed copies of the WPCA 2011/2012 draft budget. Members briefly reviewed all line items.

Mr. Botiello recommended changing "Stipend – Reimbursed by Somersville Sewer O&M Budget" to read "Salary – Reimbursed by Somersville Sewer O&M Budget," as it represents Mr. Jacobs salary. Mr. Van Tasel agreed.

After reviewing the Revenue Projections for 2011/2012, Mr. Botiello requested that Mr. Jacobs add a column indicating "Projected Revenue through 6/30/11". Mr. Jacobs agreed to do so. Mr. Botiello asked about expense

projections through 6/30/2011. Mr. Jacobs said he expects them to be similar to 2008/2009, where there was also an expense freeze mid-year; certainly less than the budgeted \$13,945.00.

*A motion was made by Charles Colby to accept the WPCA 2011/2012 Budget as amended; seconded by Dan Fraro, then unanimously voted as approved by the members.*

Mr. Jacobs told members that the Sewer budgets need to be done by July 1, 2011. He added that normally they would finalize in September, and bill users in October. He said he would get these budgets done in advance.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Steve Jacobs reviewed the following items as current correspondence:

- a) **Grant Reimbursement:** Mr. Jacobs reminded members he had sent in Grant reimbursement for the Sunset Drive for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment. It is currently being reviewed by the DEP.
- b) **Rye Hill Circle:** Mr. Jacobs received the perimeter well monitoring report from LEA Engineering. He added that nothing has changed; status quo.
- c) **Mr. Botiello** spoke of his recent research into WPCA State Statutes and Regulations. He told members he had reviewed various definitions, authorities & powers, and budget requirements as written by the State. Mr. Botiello specifically referenced the requirement that a copy of their Budget be sent to the Secretary of the Office of Policy Management by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, or 30 days after adoption. He finished by recommending members review these items.
- d) **WPCF Permit Application:** Mr. Jacobs said he had received a letter from the DEP, who has received and accepted the Town's Permit Application. It is currently at Technical Review, and Mr. Jacobs does not expect any changes.

## **VII. BILLS:**

Steve Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Journal Inquirer	\$110.18
Hach Company	\$105.80
Environmental Monitoring Laboratory	\$562.00
CBS	\$90.00
J. Ward Engineering	\$2,730.00

*A motion was made by Charles Colby to accept the bills, (J. Ward Engineering pending confirmation of funds in the budget); seconded by George Van Tasel, then unanimously voted as approved by the members.*

Mr. Colby asked about the invoice for Weld Power, which had been tabled at the last meeting. Mr. Jacobs responded he had spoken with John, of Weld Power, who explained that the initial service technician does not do a detailed diagnosis. Mr. Van Tasel asked what the Town's contracts states regarding maintenance by a Technician. Mr. Jacobs said that level of detail is not given. Mr. Botiello said the technician, doing routine maintenance, should have been able to diagnose the problem. Mr. Van Tasel asked who controls the contract for the Town. Mr. Jacobs responded the Fire Marshall has oversight. Mr. Botiello said there are still questions to be asked of Weld Power, and he would like to meet with the Fire Marshall to discuss and review the expenses with the Fire Marshall, prior to paying the invoice. Members agreed.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Getman; seconded by George Van Tassel, and unanimously approved to adjourn the February 8, 2011 Special meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:39 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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